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Group Art Unit: 2773 In re application of: Bahrs et al. § § Serial No.: 09/431,429 § Examiner: Unknown § Filed: October 29, 1999 § Attorney Docket No.: AUS990339US11 3 § For: Method and Apparatus in a Data **Processing System For Specifying The** hereby certify this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal **Sequencing And Mediation Of** Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of **Application Components** Becky Bass

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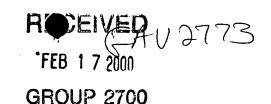
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Prior to examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 13, line 4, after "Figures 9A-", delete "9C" and insert - - 9E - -;
Page 14, line 4, after "Figures 17A-", delete "17D" and insert - - 17E - -;
Page 14, line 8, after "Figures", delete "17E-17H" and insert - - 17F-17I - -;



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- Preliminary amendment;
- Figures 9C-9E, 17D-17M, 26C-26H, 107A-107C, 108A-108B, 110A-110O, and;
- Our return postcard.

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